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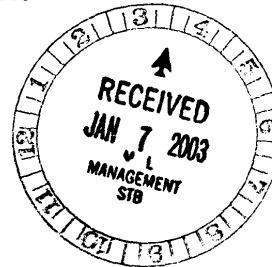
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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 603X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Webster County, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision dated July 30, 2002, the Board granted the late-filed trail request of the Webster County, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce ("County"). This letter is intended to inform the Board that CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") and the County have been unable to finalize trail negotiations. Since the deadline for such negotiations is January 26, 2003, CSXT respectfully requests an extension. Specifically, CSXT requests an extension of the trail negotiating period until July 25, 2003. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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